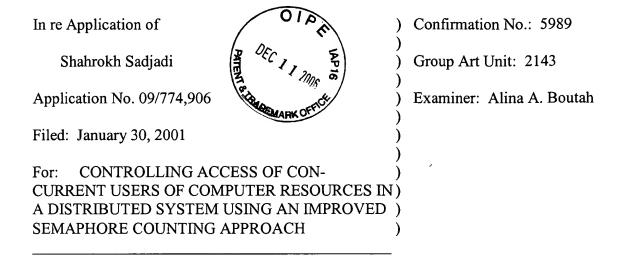
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## REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 8, 2006, the three-month statutory period for response that is extended by a one month extension of time until December 8, 2006, Applicants make a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and respectfully request that the application be amended as indicated below and reconsidered in light of the remarks made herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.